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In re Patent Application of)
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For: SELECTIVE SEPARATION OF)
IRON BY TREATMENT WITH AN)
ION-EXCHANGING RESIN)
COMPRISING DIPHOSPHONIC)
ACID GROUPS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1-13 as follows:

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1. (Amended) Process for the selective separation of iron present in a solution in the presence of other metal ions, optionally comprising vanadium, comprising treating the solution with an ion-exchange resin comprising diphosphonic acid groups.

2. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein the ion-exchange resin comprises sulphonic groups.